神愛修女会

COMMUNITY OF DIVINE CHARITY

A Religious Community of Nursing and Teaching Sisters of the Nippon Seikokai dedicated to showing the Love of God through Social Welfare.

Prospectus for the Special Old People's Nursing Home
AI-NO-SONO

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COMMENDATION BY THE LATE PRIMATE OF THE NIPPON SEIKOKAI

One of the last things written by the late Bishop Michael Hinsuke Yashiro before his death, October 10, 1970, was the following introduction to the Japanese pamphlet about the plans of the Community of Divine Charity for their Nursing Home.

At this time the Community of Divine Charity blazes with the vision of establishing a special old people's home in Wakayama Prefecture. The plan, which is on the next page, is one which has power that exceeds our strength in the past.

My heart is moved. Just after the war, at the beginning of the Post-War period, the "Alice House" was established in Kobe to take care of elderly women Church workers, clergy widows, and church members. But I don't think their hopes have been satisfied fully. The hopes of old people are not physical, they are spiritual. Even in the old people's home I started, one after another those who entered have died. Their final request is not for restoration of their bodies, but that the Lord will, in forgiveness, with a tender heart, help them to go bravely to their spiritual home. They hope for a leading hand.

Death as a victory won is the prayer of all the living. I know that the strength of the remaining years of many old people is dedicated to their preparation for the road to everlasting life.

September 1, 1970

† Michael Hinsuke Yashiro
Primate of the Nippon Seikokai
Chairman of the Establishing
Committee for the Ai-No-Sono
Special Old People's Nursing Home.

THE HISTORY OF OUR PLANS

"Some day we ought to build our own Old People's Home. . . . That would be an appropriate work for our Sisters," so Fr. Kimura used to say about the future of our community.

From the time a few years ago when our branch house was established at Iwata in Wakayama Prefecture that thought began to become more practicable. In the time since the Sisters have been teaching in the Iwata Kindergarten they have made many friends, and their fellowship has deepened.

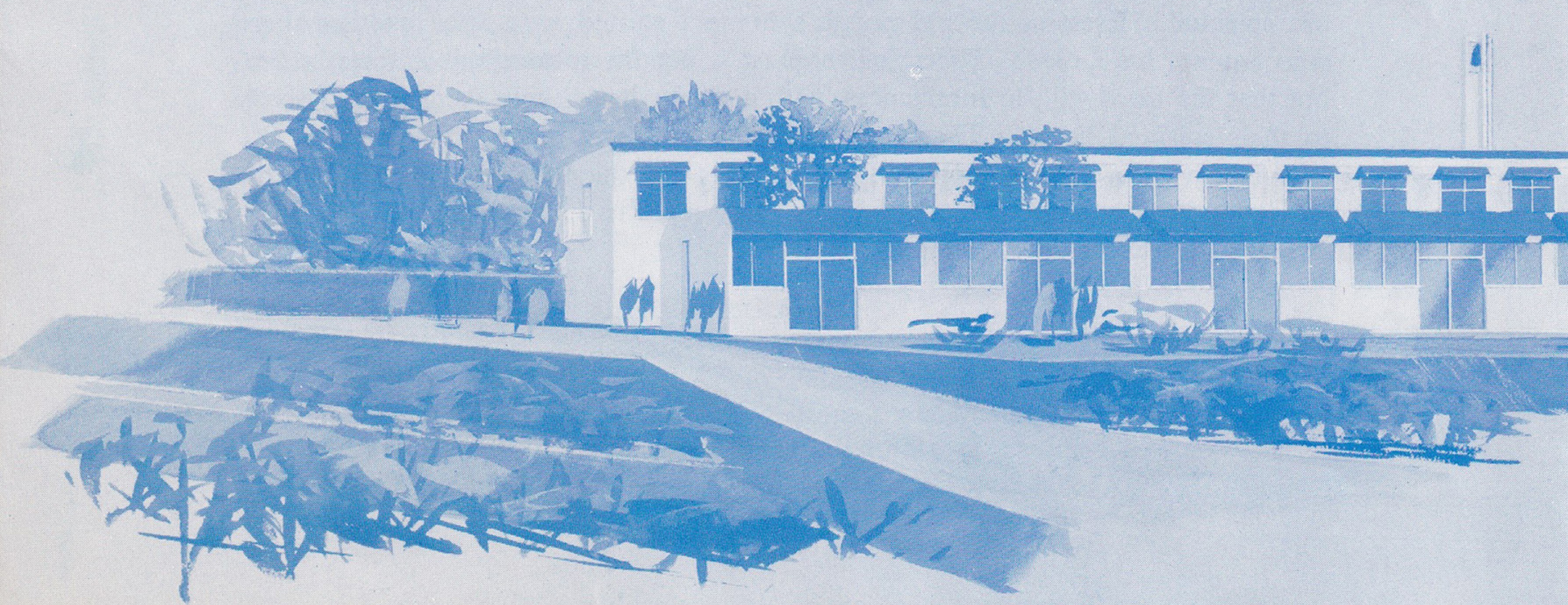
In May of 1969 the government of Wakayama Prefecture asked me if we would consider building and operating a special nursing home for those old people in need of social welfare, who cannot take care of themselves. I worried about the necessary documents and negotiations for such an undertaking, and went back to the mother house at Haruna. Quickly we called a chapter meeting to consider the work of such a nursing home as the future work for our Community. There was great concern about leaving Haruna, which has been the nursery of our Community, but we talked with the Trustees, who generously helped and gave advice, and the plan for building such a home became more and more clearly determined.

The southern part of the Kii Peninsula has famous hot springs at Shirahama. This is not far from Iwata, where we were able to find an ideal place on the side of Kuniji Mountain. With the extraordinary cooperation of the local townspeople we were able to buy 1.4 acres of land on which to build.

Bishop Yashiro introduced us to the Takenaka Architectural Company in Osaka, who are drawing up the plans.

We want to have a home which gives warm, loving help, and leads to faith and hope in eternal life. It is not simply to be a place where helpless old people have their physical needs cared for. The prefecture has also asked if we could care for blind old people, too. We have also thought about a home for well old people, or even a clinic for the treatment of old people. Our dream has spread out very large, but at first we are limiting ourselves to a home of 80 beds for those who cannot care for themselves.

"Pray as well as work" is a principle of the Religious Life which we should be able to carry out well in running an old people's home. We have had 20 years



experience at the Haruna So Hospital as nurses, and have learned to use our skills for the Glory of God, as well as for the world, by the power of love. But without the acceptance and assistance of everyone's heart and will we could not go forward. Therefore we earnestly ask your prayers and support for the establishment of the "Garden of Love" Nursing Home, and for the Community of Divine Charity.

March 1970

Mother Theresa Fukada, CDC
Superior, Community of Divine Charity.

AFTERWORD FROM THE WARDEN OF OUR COMMUNITY

As Warden of the Community of Divine Charity I have been asked to translate this pamphlet into English and commend it to our friends overseas. Additional copies may be had by writing either to St. Mary's Convent, Haruna, or St. Michael's Monastery, Oyama.

Some people may have the impression that all of the Sisters are to move to Iwata when the new buildings are completed. This is not the case. Some Sisters are to remain at Haruna to continue the work at St. Joseph's Kindergarten and to run the Convent there as a retreat house.

Several years ago it became apparent that the work load of the Nursing Sisters was interfering with the complete observance of the exercises of the Religious Life, and their spiritual life was beginning to suffer. They began to think of ways in which this problem could be solved. It is hoped that the independence of running their own nursing home may enable them to do this.

I commend this project to you for your prayers, and whatever help you can give in donations of money for the construction and equipment of the "Garden of Love" Special Old People's Nursing Home.

November 1970

David E. Allen, SSJE
Provincial Superior of the
Society of St. John the
Evangelist in Japan.

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ESTIMATED COSTS AND SOURCES OF INCOME

"AI-NO SONO", an 80 bed ferroconcrete building to be constructed on 1.4 acres at Iwata, Kamitonda Machi, Wakayama Ken, Japan.

Construction Costs

Constitution, and workers' lodging	$337,078.
Preliminary & business expenses, etc.	149,999.
Total	**$487,077.**

Sources of Funds

National and Prefectural Govt.	$135,788.
Community Fund (Red Feather)	22,708.
Loans: Social Welfare Promotion Soc.	47,222.
Com. of Divine Charity, Gen. Fund	13,888.
Promised Donations	115,977.
Voluntary Donations, etc.	151,494.*
Total	**$487,077.**

Cost of Equipment & Breakdown of Construction Cost per Ward

8 Bed ward	(7)	$18,750.
6 " "	(3)	15,000.
2 Bed ward	(3)	$7,500.
Private room	(2)	6,480.

Hospital Bed	$97. to $105.
Single crank hosp. bed	26.
Ordinary bed	21.—26.
Palm fiber mattress	17.
Spring "	25.—31.
Mattress pad	7.
Safety bedside	8.
Bedside cabinet	15.—25.
Bedside table	7.—15.
Back rest	9.—17.
Icebag hanger	1.— 2.
Commode wheelchair	72.
Invalid walker	31.—38.
Invalid wheelchair	62.—74.
Supply carriage	31.—64.
Screens (two or three panel)	12.—31.
Bedpan rack	136.—169.
" cart	92.
" washing & sterilizing apparatus	389.
Utility truck for food trays 18	261.
" 24	289.
" 39	300.
Monkey bar attachment	17.—28.
Examining table	25.—31.
Attendant bed	15.
Truck cart	50.—56.
Laundrybag carrier	17.—19.
Lifter	764.

Checks sent to Japan should be made out to **Shin Ai Shujokai.**

Donations sent to the SSJE in America should be made out to **The Society of St. John the Evangelist,** but clearly marked "For the CDC Nursing Home in Japan."

* **Goal for contributions from overseas** $92,490.

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